

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

July 14, 2003

CALL TO PODIUM:

N/A

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

**Jennifer Russel, Director
Planning and Code
Administration**

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
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PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Montgomery County Growth Management Issues: Briefing on the Annual Growth Policy

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

The Montgomery County Planning Board is considering basic changes to the Annual Growth Policy. Over the last year the Board and its staff have solicited input on potential changes in the approach. The City has been involved in meetings and discussions with the County and other jurisdictions. Following a July 10, 2003 public hearing and AGP work sessions, the Planning Board intends to vote on July 31, 2003, after which the Planning Board will send its recommendation to the Montgomery County Council. The County Council will then hold its own public hearing on the AGP, with adoption of a revised version expected by October 31, 2003.

The City's primary interest in the AGP update has been associated with the school capacity test which is now set at 100% of capacity. Many schools in the Gaithersburg area are over capacity and the City's residential deferment last year sought to address this issue. As you know the County's AGP does not apply in the City, but we have always honored the schools test. The City has consistently voiced concern about the borrow capacity between clusters.

Mr. Karl Moritz, Research Manager, Research and Technology Center at Park and Planning will be making a presentation on the AGP for the Mayor and Council this evening. Following his presentation, he will be available for questions. The public hearing *draft* document is attached for your use.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Receive Presentation